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Addressed: John Gray Blount Esq^r.
Washington

*Thomas Russell^s to John Gray Blount*Port antoney [Jamaica] February 1st 1802 —

Dear friend —

I with pleasure Inform you of my Arvell in the West — Indes Say Jamaica wher I find the Markets to be bad [.] I Arove here on Saterday 30th of Janeary after a passage of 22 Days [.] I left the bar the 9th. and @ 10p^m Hove too the wind @ SSW — blowing hard . that Night Ship^d two heavy Sees [.] Stove my boat and lost the Most part of My Stock the Next Day in the Morning the wind Still increasing lost the Remainder of my Stock [.] I Being in the Gilf the See was Desper ——* by the wind Hauling to NNW — the See was Very Cross [.] I have had No offer for any thing as yett and am going Down to Leward as Soon as the wind will promit to git out as the North is hard, their Severall Sail of Mericans Lying here and has Been a Long tim [.] times is Dull, at present and I cannot Inform You the price Currants to any truth [.] pleas put my Letter in the post office and inform the John Wallace [s?] by the first oppertunity if You pleas—

So no more at present but Remain Yours To Serve—

Tho^s. . Russell

return'd from Washington

Addressed: John G: Blount Esq^r
Marchant in
Washington
Suppose
N: Carolina

p^r favour by Cap^t Shanks
Cap^t Eagels

^s A ship captain who often sailed for the Blounts. Blount to Russell, September 22, 1797, in Letter Book.

* Illegible.